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*The March program will be a **Show & Tell**, featuring stuff from the Tucson Show, and anything else members can bring to share.*

Fossils kids may have found at the last meeting, over-Winter projects, completed or not, whatever. Don't be shy, share whatcha got!

THE CARMEL VALLEY PROSPECTOR * NEWSLETTER OF THE CARMEL VALLEY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

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ANNUAL DUES: Adults (21 & over) \$15, Couples \$20, Juniors (high school) \$1, and Pebble Pups (grade school or younger)- Free

INITIATION FEE: \$10 plus \$5 each additional family member (includes "stinkin' name badges!")

MEMBER OF: California Federation of Mineralogical Societies, American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS & AFMS)

CLUB MINERAL: Gold **CLUB COLORS:** Green & Gold **CLUB GEMSTONE:** Botryoidal Jade

SOCIETY PURPOSE: The Carmel Valley Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the study of mineralogy and geology, to encourage the collecting of specimens and the practice of the lapidary arts, to promote responsible field excursions to mineral locations, and to further the education of all. **And remember, please...Tread Lightly!**

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Rich Saylor, editor & publisher. Contributions, which are ALWAYS welcome, & (nice!) comments may be sent to

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Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society general meetings: **2nd** Friday, 7:00 PM; guests & visitors are welcome.

Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM, before the General Meeting. Members are welcome to attend.

SUPPORT OUR LOCAL CLUBS:

The Santa Cruz Mineral & Gem Society meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, at 7:00pm, Live Oak Grange Hall, 1900 17th Ave., Santa Cruz. Their website is www.SCGMS.org for club info & their newsletter, The Lapidarian.

The Salinas Valley Rock & Gem Club meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 7 PM, at the North Minster Presbyterian

Church, 315 East Alvin Drive, Salinas. Guests & visitors welcome. For club information & their newsletter, the club website is www.salinasrockandgem.com. Also contact Karin Salomon, 375-5233. Guests and visitors are welcome. **Annual SVR&G Show:** March 2016, dates TBA, Veterans Hall, Spreckels. (2nd weekend in March). Modest admission charge, FREE parking.

2016 CVGMS Monthly calendar (MONTHLY MEETING DATES): PLEASE NOTE, ALL DATES TO BE CONFIRMED, especially June (auction) and December (Christmas Dinner).

January: Friday the 8th

February: **Friday the 12th.** The Newark show will be on Mar. 4~6. **See page 7.** Carpooling is suggested.

March: Friday the 11th.

April: Friday the 8th

May: Friday the 13th

June: **TBA. Annual picnic & White Elephant Sale- Whispering Pines Park, Monterey**

July: Friday the 8th

August: Friday the 12th

Sept.: Friday the 9th (General Meeting) **56th ANNUAL CVGMS GEM SHOW, SAT& SUN, the 26th & 25th**

October: Friday the 14th

November: Friday the 11th - **THE ANNUAL AUCTION!**

December: **TBA. ANNUAL XMAS DINNER & INSTALLATION OF 2017 OFFICERS**

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Message from the President- March

Hello Everyone,

Is everyone ready to Spring Forward for Daylight Savings Time on Sunday Mar 13?

First of all, I'd like to thank the Saylor for donating raw material from the Green River Formation for last month's program on Fossil Butte near Kemmerer, Wyoming. Our Pebble Pups had a great time splitting the rocks. Special thanks to Roslyn for demonstrating rock-splitting with a hammer and chisel and also supervising those whose were splitting rocks for the first time.

Our program on Friday March 11 will be a Show and Tell Session. Those who went to Tucson can show off their latest goodies. Others can share some of their favorite items from their collections. It's always fun to see what our individual members are interested in.



Looking for Green River Formation fossils

The March Science Saturday at the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum will be on Sat Mar 26, from 11 am to 3 pm. They will be coverings, Bees, Wasps, Honey and Hives. Kids will get a chance to taste honey made from pollinating different wildflowers. Please visit the Museum's website, <http://www.pgmuseum.org> for more information.

The Salinas Valley Rock Club will be having their annual Gem Show on Sat and Sun Mar 12 and 13 from 10 am to 5 pm in Spreckels, CA at the Veteran's Hall. This is the weekend after our meeting. Please note that they are charging a \$2.00 Entrance Fee this year.

Gem Shows require a lot of volunteer hours. It would be great if some of our CVGMS members could volunteer and help at the Gem Show in Spreckels. Gary Beck is the show Chair and can be reached at 831-619-2896. Please give him a call and find out how you can help. You can also ask Karin Salomon who is active in both CVGMS and the Salinas Club, Their website is <http://www.salinasrockandgem.com>.

Hope to see you at our CVGMS meeting on Friday March 11 at the PG Natural History Museum.

Margaret Chan
President

CVGMS BOARD MEETING: February 12, 2016

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by President, Margaret Chan.

Present: Margaret Chan, Pearl Chan, Matt & Barb Biewer, Susie Harlow, Talma Taormina, Jay

House, Mike Cole, Karin Salomon, and Janis Rovetti.

Correspondence: Matt reported the Santa Clara Gem Show on April 16-17, 2016. The Salinas Valley Annual Gem Show is March 12-13, 2016. Matt gave Margaret the AFMS newsletter regarding our 501C3 renewal for non-profit status.

Membership: Jay reports no new members.

Treasurer's Report: Pearl gave the treasurer's report. It was M/S/P to pay the current bills.

Federation: The next Federation Show will be in Placerville on September 16 to 18, 2016. There is a CFMS field trip to Lavic Siding on March 26, 2016. They will be collecting the beautiful Lavic jasper. More information is available from either Karin or Janis.

Scholarship: Talma is still working on coordinating the presentations with the PG Museum.

Sunshine: Adrienne's Mom passed away recently and Janis sent her a sympathy card from the club. We are thinking of you at this time Adrienne.

Old Business: Margaret was interested in who went to Tucson this year. There were quite a few members who did and our March program will be a Show and Tell with goodies from Tucson. We are still working on the fluorescent display for the PG Museum and the Board has agreed to fund it.

New Business: We are discussing programs for 2016 and are booked through June 2016. We are asking if anyone from our club will volunteer to help for the Salinas Gem Show on March 12-13. It would be great to support them by helping set up and tear down and anything in between.

February Program: DVD of Fossil Lake in Kemmerer, Wyoming. Beautiful fish fossils come out of that area.

March Program: Show and Tell with treasures from Tucson/Quartzsite (or otherwise).

April Program: We will be doing "slab art" with Talma helping us. She will have samples of what beautiful creations we can make from rock slabs.

May Program: Karin will give a presentation on her trip to New Zealand.

June Program: Our annual picnic at Whispering Pines on Sunday, June 5.

The meeting was adjourned. The next board and general meeting is March 11, 2016.

Janis Rovetti, Recording Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT- by Jay House, Membership Chairman

22 members attended, 11 guests, no new members. -Jay

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

-From Sky Paxton...

Everything required for making lampwork glass beads, including a BIG inventory of glass rods (104 coe, some 96 coe), a minor torch, the perfect digitally controlled kiln, two oxygen concentrators, propane tanks, lots of smaller tools, glass storage, books, and more. My wish is to sell it ALL to one buyer who will pick it up at my studio in Monterey, California. Photos and a spreadsheet (for a more detailed list) are available upon request. Contact: Carol Holaday at carol@carolholaday.com Happy to answer questions regarding listed items.

Value if purchased new, around \$9800. Asking \$4500.

CFMS REPORT (excerpts) FOR FEBRUARY 2016 (Please see CFMSINC.ORG)

BY KARIN SALOMON, FED. DIRECTOR

The CFMS annual show will be held in Placerville on September 16-18, hosted by El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society. The World Gold Panning Championship is also held that weekend, which will make for a very interesting week. Make RV reservations early as the Society believes campsites will fill quickly.

The Ventura Gem & Mineral Society will host the 2017 CFMS annual show, more on this later.

CFMS FIELD TRIPS-SOUTH FIELD TRIP, LAVIC SIDING, CA, Saturday, March 26, 2016

MEET: Meet at 9:00 a.m., Hector Rd off ramp just south of the I-40 freeway for orientation and sign in. Waiver of liability will be signed at the meeting spot.

WHAT TO BRING: Bring lunch, safety glasses, gloves, first aid kit, plenty of drinking water, food and snacks, collecting bags/buckets, rock hammer, spray bottles and camera. Also, bring your rock collecting guides.

This is the heart of the Mojave and the weather can be unpredictable during this time of year so dress accordingly. Prepare for possible sun exposure for long periods in some areas. Bring a hat, sunscreen...whatever you need for this condition.

MATERIAL/AREA: We will be collecting the world famous Lavic jasper, which can come in a multitude of colors and can be brecciate, layered or solid with veins of white, black or blue agate.

The jasper has been found in reds, blacks, yellows, golds, greens, purples, or any combination and range from tumble sized to football sized. Most found as float. This site covers a vast area between the Pisgah Crater lava fields, the railroad tracks and the dry lake to the south. We will explore various spots here.

From the meeting spot we will caravan east to a safe crossing over the tracks then make a number of stops. This widespread field offers no shade.

While the roads are basically traversable in most high clearance sedans, high clearance trucks and SUVs highly recommended. Nearby is Pisgah Crater, a young volcano with an extensive lava field.

This area offers plenty of space for overnight camping, or at the hotel in Ludlow and also offers the southern Cady's for a wide variety of material.

For these other sites 4wd recommended but high clearance is mandatory. Gas and food are available in Ludlow. Treat the desert with respect - tread lightly and pack it in / pack it out.

For more info contact CFMS South Co-chairs: Adam Dean: theagatehunter@verizon.net (909) 489-4899. Roy Isaac: djbionic@msn.com (818) 633-3350.

Camp ZZYZX is still taking RV applications for a reduced fee of \$50 or \$340 for a weeks stay at the Camp near Baker, CA. All information and application can be viewed at cfmsinc.org. March 27-April 3rd.

AFMS/NFMS Federation show 2016 July 29-31 in Albany, Oregon. amfed.org.

ALSO: PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED LEGISLATION MONDAY SETTING ASIDE MORE THAN 2 MILLION ACRES AS PROTECTED WILDERNESS.

Land protected under the 1,200-page law ranges from California's Sierra Nevada and Oregon's Mount Hood to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado and parts of the Jefferson National Forest in Virginia. Land in Idaho's Owyhee canyons, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan and Zion National Park in Utah also won wilderness protection, and more than 1,000 miles of rivers in nearly a dozen states were designated as wild and scenic. The law expands wilderness designation — which blocks nearly all development — into areas that previously were not protected. The law also protects land in Alaska under a contentious land swap that allows the state to go forward with a planned airport access road in a remote wildlife refuge near the Bering Sea. Critics call the project a "road to nowhere."

Environmental groups and lawmakers in both parties said the law will strengthen the national park system, restore national forests, preserve wild and scenic rivers, protect battlefields and restore balance to the management of public lands.

President Barack Obama signed legislation Monday setting aside more than 2 million acres as protected wilderness.

WHAT THE DESERT PROTECTION ACT WILL PRESERVE IN THE MOJAVE:

Mojave Trails National Monument: This new national monument would bridge Joshua Tree National Park to the Mojave National Preserve. Its 941,000 acres would include: Pisgah lava flow, Amboy Crater, Kelso Dunes wilderness, Route 66, Sand to Snow National Monument.

The area of the proposed Sand to Snow Monument includes Joshua trees, granite peaks and desert tortoise habitat. It would be increased by more than 2,800 northern acres, stretching from the Coachella Valley desert floor to the forested peak of Mount San Gorgonio, Southern California's tallest mountain. The 134,000-acre national monument would include:

Wildlife corridors linking Joshua Tree National Park to the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, Bighorn sheep and desert tortoise habitat, The Whitewater River Joshua Tree National Park, Death Valley National Park. This national park would incorporate another 46,000 acres, including the southern geological gem known as the "Bowling Alley."

Mojave National Preserve: This desert preserve would increase by 29,000 acres to include a former gold mining area that has been reclaimed.

Rivers and creeks: The act would protect 76 miles of Deep Creek, Amargosa River, Surprise Canyon and other waterways.

Five new wilderness areas: This act would protect federal wildlands in Death Valley National Park and other areas.

Augmenting tourism: If the desert stays beautiful, millions of international tourists will continue to visit. Death Valley and Joshua Tree national parks bring nearly three million annual visitors, and travelers spend more than \$230 million annually on outdoor recreation here.

- See more at:

<https://wilderness.org/article/california-desert-protection-act#sthash.aqcAj2BN.dpuf>

OUR TRIP TO TUCSON... Rich & Martha Saylor

Well. In early January, we both flew to Front Royal, VA; just outside of Washington, DC to attend a wedding. To make a long story short, it went fine, if you count landing just in front of the most major snowstorm to hit the area in many years “fine”. The day after we landed the airport (Dulles) was closed. So the relatives gathered, all was readied....except the groom who at the very last minute got cold feet, telling his bride-to-be that he was afraid his friends in DC might not be able to make it to the church (just outside of DC). No matter that others had come from far, far away...New York (OK, not so far away), California (somewhat farther), Moscow (a LOT farther!) He was *very* concerned about his buddies & some snow in the nations’ capital. Meaning they might get stuck in the snow in some alleys. Whatever. Well, we (meaning the rest of us) had a good time anyway, rode out the storm in the mountains (but we got around anyway in 4 feet of snow!), visited local landmarks and so on (including the well-known Luray Caves, about a 45 min. drive from Front Royal), and generally had a good visit including the relocation of the somewhat jilted bride to her parent’s home for the occasion. Ah well. Visit over, the airport reopened just in time for our return flight across the country. So back we came, just in time to start packing for our trip to Quartzsite, Phoenix, Tucson & beyond...

So we packed up the ol’ Prius and took off, stopping in Long Beach to visit an ailing aunt. Off to Q & Phoenix the next day (I LOVE getting out of LA, which is really no excuse for being there in the first place...) and a few hours later were buzzing thru Quartzsite...been there, done that, so we didn’t even slow down! Got to our hotel in Phoenix (very nice one, the Hotel Tempe Inn Suites, near the airport on Baseline Rd.), and decided that all that driving had taken the starch out of us, so the nearest restaurant was just across the street, “Joe’s Crab Shack!” where we went for dinner. Big servings, so Martha & I split a big salad & a dinner-in- a- galvanized -pot affair. Wonderful and VERY filling, crab shells everywhere, no room for dessert. We were stuffed! Anyway more about this dinner later... so we’d planned on taking in Phoenix for a couple of days, and planned on leaving for Tucson on the 11th, which we did after taking in a few of the many sights Phoenix has to offer. We went to the Heard Museum, which has an INCREDIBLE collection of Indian artifacts and many, many displays featuring



Crab legs (and much more!) at Joe’s...



One of the many fascinating exhibits at the Heard Museum, Phoenix

southwestern tribal life and historical pre-Columbian displays. In the middle of downtown Phoenix (a VERY large city!) was the archaeological site called “Pueblo Grande”, which features partly excavated ruins of an ancient native culture with some rooms having



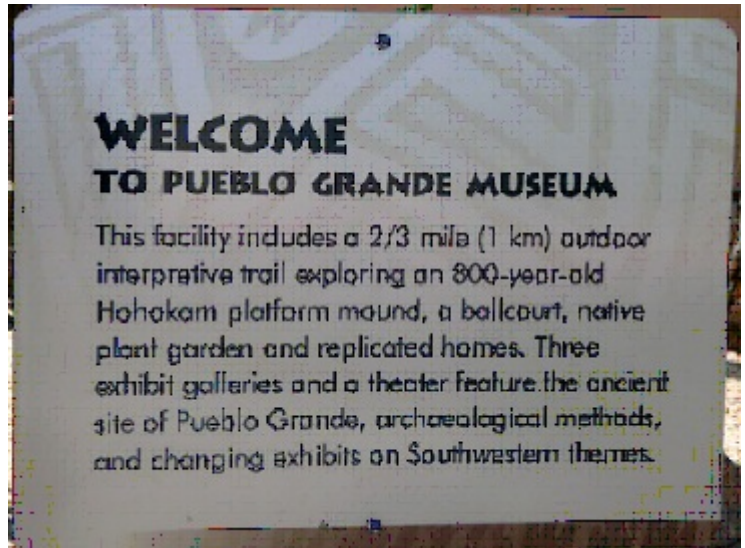
An aqueous entry to the Heard Museum

Speaking of museums, Phoenix also has one of the most outstanding museums I *never heard of* before.. A Musical Instrument Museum! This facility has- they say- over 15,000 musical instruments, from Ancient Egypt to the modern day, and everything in between! Suffice to say I really only have



The "Hole-In-Rock", Papago Park, Phoenix

been partly restored, with some *recreated* & furnished dwellings nearby, as well as a very nice museum at the site where it was explained what visitors could see & experience by just stepping out of the museum & following the path to a low summit of the ruins.



There were far too many exhibits to mention, but suffice to say the quality & size of the collection in the Heard Museum is truly outstanding!



Hohokam Bowl at the Heard

room in this report for a very few photos, so the one I chose of the Egyptian exhibit was typical, but think of it... everything one can imagine, and many I could not! Amazing, and very, very well worth visiting if you're in Phoenix. Don't miss it...they also had a very nice Stradivarius exhibit, though at extra cost to see.

So why mention all this sightseeing in a rockhound



The Egyptian Exhibit at the Musical Instrument Museum, Phoenix

newsletter...well, for this reason: we all love rocks, minerals, jewels, fossils & such BUT if you're going to make such a long trip it would be remiss to not take advantage of the availability of so many other things to experience, and since not too many articles are around about what to see while taking in Tucson, etc. during a road trip from Monterey here's your chance to at least see what we were able to fit in. Just some of it anyway.

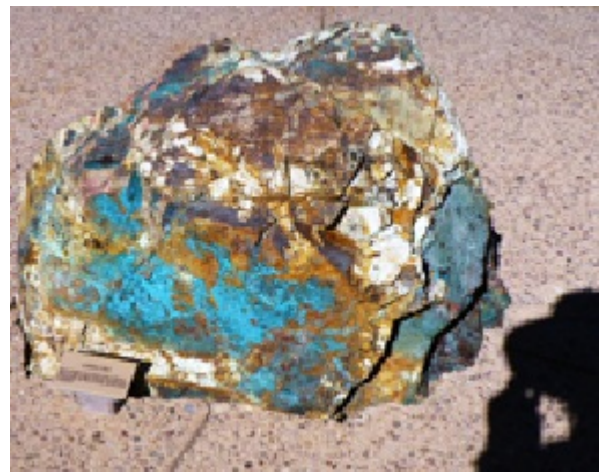
Now to the Tucson part, where the annual "Big Event" etc. takes place: On our last day in Phoenix (Feb. 10) I started to come down with an allergy, so I took some allergy pills and figured that was that. Too many desert plants or whatever. Or so I thought.

Well... the next AM, *some allergy*. The pills had about zero effect, and I wasn't feeling too chipper (!), so when we left for Tucson in the AM I let Martha drive. Not too far- something like 100 miles to Tucson or so, but finally we checked in to the hotel (the Best Western Poppy Inn, just on the outskirts of Tucson). Not a bad room though not as nice as the suite in Phoenix. And there we stayed, for the next 3 days, as Martha had also come down with the whatever-it-was as well. In fact she was sick as a dog for over a day! Of course, we were burning thru our "time" in Tucson- all the dealers in various hotel suites, seeing Tucson itself, and of course the main event at the Convention Center. Darn! Well, on Friday, just before getting sick, Martha



Giant ammonite in Tucson...

was feeling barely well enough to visit the Desert Museum, where many birds (Martha's other hobby!) as well as other stuff, were seen & photographed by Martha...but no downtown Tucson or gem show stuff whatever! By now both of us were unwell, so back to bed. Sunday AM: feeling slightly better; by midafternoon, Martha said "enough's enough!" and well or not (mostly not!) we piled into the Prius & took off for the Convention Center, arriving there at 3:30 PM on the last day of the show! Sadly, no discounts for the last hour or so, full bore price (about \$13 each). And there you have it. Me zooming around the hall madly, in my electric scooter, Martha



A very large copper ore rock at the Desert Museum, with Martha's shadow...

trying to keep up. What-to-see-next; so many exhibits & dealers, so VERY little time! The most impressive of what I managed to see were a pair of truly large ammonites, from Madagascar, I believe, being sold by a Russian dealer. We talked about price, and the figure "\$50,000 each" came up... I did manage to take some photos, but only with my cell phone, not my far better camera...having been thrown off kilter a bit by the Coughing Crud, I'd carefully forgotten I'd put the camera battery in the charger in the room, where it stayed for our trip to the main event.



The Main Event, Tucson

Smart. Here below is one last cell-phone photo of the Convention Center from an upstairs balcony.

Well, we did get a taste of it, but only that. And everything so EXPENSIVE! Wow!!!

So, here's the bottom line: if you really need to see the Southwest, in particular Phoenix & Tucson, fine, but as for bargains in rockhounding, I think there are better venues than Tucson, from what little we saw of it anyway. Maybe not

fair, as we didn't get to experience the rest of it but frankly to us Tucson (at the Convention Center) was a huge, truly oversized version of what can generally be seen at our Northern California shows, but at much higher prices. We really did enjoy the trip (except for being ill, of course) but the rockhounding bit was nearly not worth it, though the rest was- the desert itself, the amazing variety of things to see in Phoenix, and so on. And about Quartzsite: barely in AZ, It's not particularly near Phoenix or Tucson, really, but when it's on it's worth going to, especially considering the very low prices that are on offer at so many dealers, but since it was essentially over, we buzzed thru it, so didn't stop, coming or going ! Sorry we missed it this year. Maybe bad planning, but the luck wasn't really with us. BTW we'd also hoped to see the street art/crafts fair south of Tucson, in Tubac, during our stay, but of course we missed that too. Darn, again! Coming home-by now only partly recovered- we took turns driving, and did see some roadside geology (interesting banded mountains, I included one of the photos) but by now we had get-home-itis so it was all about driving home, no side trips as we normally do. We left on Monday AM, overnighted in Beaumont- near Indio- in a motel that thought a box spring mattress and an actual mattress were the same (we didn't!), so no actual mattress. Truly that night, "spring" had sprung. All night. Aargh. Next AM on the road again, finally arriving in Monterey around 7PM. Home safe at last! And BTW- I said that there'd be more about the "crab dinner" at Joe's in Phoenix, and here it is: good thing we had at least *one* nice dinner that whole trip, because that was it! Great Seafood in the desert, you say? *Yep!!!* Of course we had food elsewhere (not to mention 3 days of junk food in the motel room!), but nothing nearly so nice. Well, that's my story, folks, and I'm sticking to it! *Cheers- and happy trails- to all, Rich*

UPCOMING LOCAL/REGIONAL EVENTS

This month, **only Calif. events are listed**. For more information & other out-of-state listings, please go to: rockngem.com or cfmsinc.org **PLEASE NOTE THAT COMMERCIAL (non-club) SHOWS** aren't generally listed, but can be found at above websites. **A few fairly nearby shows are shown in red.**

March 2016

11-13—VICTORVILLE, CALIFORNIA: 40th Annual show; Victor Valley Gem & Mineral Club, Stoddard Wells Tailgate; 12 miles NE of I-15 along Stoddard Wells Rd.(maintained dirt road)., 7 miles NE of Dale Evans Pkwy.(follow green ; Fri-Sun. 9-5; Free Admission; DRYcamping Vendor spaces FREE, first come basis (NO holding of spaces for others or competing with Club's fundraising food and drink booth).40-60 vendors of rough, slabbed, cabbed and finished handcrafted jewelry, to mineral and fossil specimens, findings, equipment & more! Great outdoor event for families. Field Trip on Saturday 9:00-1:00pm for various local marble varieties and silent auctions mid day Sat & Sun. Porta-potties on site by 11am on Thurs. 3/10. Club bake, snack and drink booth together with vendor donations support this annual event.: vvgmc.org for map, area pics and 2016 flier to circulate. Clubhouse at (760) 243-2330 1-5pm W,Th,St.Sun. Rain or shine (wind or snow) we'll BE there! ; Brett Ward, CA 92345, (760) 954-4323; e-mail: bretts88@verizon.net; Web site: www.vvgmc.org

12-13—SPRECKELS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Salinas Valley Rock and Gem Club, Spreckels Vets Hall; 5th and Llano Streets; Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 10 am-5 pm; Adults \$2.00, Children are free w/adult!; silent auction, demonstrators, gems, crystals, jewelry, minerals, fossils, dealers, craft supplies, beads, fluorescent and member displays, snack bar and free hourly door prizes; contact Gary Beck; e-mail: garybeckpca@yahoo.com; Web site: salinasrockandgem.com

12-13—ANTHEM , ARIZONA: Annual show; Daisy Mountain Rock and Mineral Club, Boulder Creek High School; 40404 N. Gavilan Peak Pkwy.; Sat. 9-5, Sun. 9-4; Admission \$3, Students/Seniors \$2, Free Admission for children; Gems, minerals, beads, jewelry, fossils, fluorescent, wire-wrapping, geodes, raffles, kids events; contact Ed Winbourne, 1717 West Medinah Court, Anthem, AZ 85086, (978)-460-1528; e-mail: ewinbourne@gmail.com

12-13—TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Mother Lode Mineral Society, Stanislaus Fairgrounds; 900 N Broadway, ; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; \$6 Admission, Kids Free Admission; 50th Anniversary! Rock, Mineral & Jewelry Show! Family event: rocks, minerals, fossils, jewelry, beads, fluorescents and more! Learn to make beautiful jewelry out of natural rocks and gemstones from our demonstrators. Children's activities including making your own bracelet, and carving soapstone.; Bud & Terry McMillin, 1717 Oakdale Rd Ste O, Modesto, CA 95350, 209-524-3494; e-mail: bud.mcmillin.b7yj@statefarm.com; Web site: www.turlockgemshow.com

12-13—SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA: 58th annual Tournament of Gems show; Pasadena Lapidary Society, San Marino Masonic Center; 3130 Huntington Drive; Sat. 10 -6 , Sun. 10 -5 ; Free Admission; gem, mineral, fossil and jewelry displays, vendors, silent auction, raffle prizes, demos, fun education for kids.; contact Marcia Goetz, CA, (626)-260-7239; e-mail: joenmar1@verizon.net; Web site: www.pasadenalapidarysociety.org

19-20—LEMOORE , CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Lemoore Gem and Mineral Club, Trinity Hall; 470 Champion St.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission ; Gems & Minerals from around the world. Vendors with rock rough, slabs, polished cabs, fossils, tools, jewelry, beads and gems. Demos of rock cutting and wire wrapping. Club displays and kids activities. Door prizes every hour, Raffle prizes available. ; Chris Wertenberger, P.O. Box 443 , Lemoore, CA 93245, (559)309-3433; kim-morrell@hotmail.com; Lemoore Gem and Mineral Club on Facebook

26-27—ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Roseville Rock Rollers Gem and Mineral Society, Roseville (Placer County) Fairgrounds; 800 All America City Blvd ; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$6 Admission, Seniors \$5 Admission, rain or shine!!! Over 55+ vendors featuring: Minerals, Crystals, Gemstones, Metal Detectors, Mining Equipment and Supplies, Locally mined Gold, Fine quality Nugget Jewelry, Gold Panning – take home REAL GOLD, Fossils, Meteorites, Polished Stones, Brilliant Ethiopian Opal, World Class Mineral Specimens, Fluorescent Minerals, Handcrafted Jewelry, Lapidary Equipment and Supplies, Tourmaline, Gold, Sunstones. "Kids Education Station", interactive educational kids area. Lapidary demos - Silent Auctions. Over 35 Unique Exhibits - Raffle Prizes - Hourly Door Prizes - Fabulous Food!! Open

House in our Lapidary shop on the Fairgrounds – A full day of fun - Rain or Shine! Gloria Marie, PO Box 452, Roseville, CA 95661, 916-216-1114; e-mail: gloriarosevillerockrollers@gmail.com; Web site: <http://www.rockrollers.com/show.html>

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2-3—TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA: 67th Annual show; South Bay Lapidary & Mineral Society, Torrance; Ken Miller Rec Center, 3341 Torrance Blvd., entrance on Madrona Avenue; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Free Admission; "Nature's Treasures". Free admission, Artisan's Gift Shop, fluorescent mineral exhibit, demos, children's activities, prize drawings, door prizes, slabs, lots of rough rock, used equipment, books, magazines, silent auction, and visit Kay's Kitchen for the best chili and desserts in town. Hope to see you there! ; contact Leslie Neff, Torrance, CA, (310) 318-2170; Web site: www.palosverdes.com/sblap

9-10—MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Mariposa Gem & Mineral Club, Mariposa County Fairgrounds; 5005 Fairgrounds Rd. 2 miles south of Mariposa; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; \$3 Admission, under 15, free. Fine mineral specimens, jewelry and lapidary arts, mineral exhibits, children's activities, guest speakers, food & music. Raffle items & geode cutting throughout the show. The State Mining & Mineral Museum, which houses California's spectacular mineral collection, is at the Fairgrounds. Breathtaking specimens of rare crystallized gold and minerals! Visit our mine tunnel and have the kids complete our scavenger hunt for a free prize. Pan for gold at our 49er gold camp & see the tools & equipment needed to find gold & survive in gold rush days; Meredith Meehan, P.O.Box 753, Mariposa, CA 95338, (559)8683535; mgmc@sti.net

16-17—SAN JOSE , CALIFORNIA: 61st Annual Gem and Mineral Festival; Santa Clara Valley Gem and Mineral Society , Santa Clara County Fairgrounds ; 344 Tully Rd.; Sat., Sun. 10-5, \$6 Admission, Free Admission under 12; Kids area, geode cutting, gold panning, flint knapping, demos, displays, fluorescent mineral tent, petrified wood display by Walt Wright, Richard Wade presentations on dinosaurs & volcanoes, 50+ dealers, scholarship booth, special programs for scouts, door prizes; June Harris, (408) 265-1422; e-mail: info@scvgms.org ; www.scvgms.org

16-17—THOUSAND OAKS, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Conejo Gem & Mineral Club, Borchard Park Community Center; 190 Reino Road at Borchard Road; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-5; Free Admission; gems, lapidary, minerals & fossil exhibits from members & local clubs. Beads, geodes, jewelry, books, crystals, fossils, and tools. Demos- fossil cleaning, sphere making, lampwork beads, silversmithing, wire wrapping, metal work, art clay, lapidary, cabochon making and the California Oil Museum. Youth activities such as spinning wheel and grab bags & a free pebble pup challenge. Plants sales & snack bar.; Robert Sankovich, 1961 Havenwood Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360, (805)-494-7734; rmsorca@roadrunner.com; www.cgamc.org

23-24—PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA: Annual show; Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Mid State Fairgrounds; Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Admission \$3, Free Admission for children; contact Mike Judy, 805 238-4469; e-mail: mrhaludy@gmail.com; Web site: www.slrockhounds.org

23-24—ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA: 61st Annual show; Palomar Gem and Mineral Club, California Center for the Arts; 340 N. Escondido Blvd.; Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4; Adults \$5, Seniors \$3; Free parking; rough rock, finished stones, jewelry, beads, & other rock related products. Free gem ID'ing, lapidary & jewelry demos, educational displays. Membership open to the public.; Gayle Hamilton; gemshow@palomargem.org; Web site: www.palomargem.org